A deſcription of a ſtrange (and miraculous) Fiſh, caſt upon the ſands in the meads, in the Hundred of *Worwell*, in the County Palatine of *Cheſter*, (or *Cheſſhiere*. The certainty whereof is here related concerning the ſaid moſt monſtrous Fiſh.

To the tune of Bragandary.

OF many maruels in my time
I'me heretofore,
But here's a ſtranger now in prime
that's lately come on ſhore,
Inuites my pen to ſpecifie
What ſome (I doubt) will think a lie.
O rare
beyond compare,
in England nere the like.

It is a fiſh, a monſtrous fiſh,
a fiſh that many dreads,
But now it is as we would wiſh,
caſt vp o'th ſands i'th meads,
In Cheſſhire; and tis certaine true,
Deſcrib'd by thoſe who did it view.
O rare
beyond compare,
in England nere the like.

Full twenty one yards and one foot
this fiſh extends in length,
With all things correſpondent to't,
for amplitude and ſtrength:
Good people what I ſhall report,
Doe not account it fained ſport.
O rare
beyond compare,
in England nere the like.

It is almoſt fiue yards in height,
which is a wondrous thing,
O marke what maruels to our ſight
our Potent Lord can bring.
Theſe ſecrets Neptune cloſely keeps
Within the boſome of the deeps.
O rare
beyond compare,
in England nere the like.

His lower jaw-bone's fiue yards long,
the vpper thrice ſo much,
Twelue yoak of oxen ſtout and ſtrong,
(the weight of it is ſuch)
Could not once ſtir it out o'th ſands
Thus workes the All-creating hands.
O rare
beyond compare,
in England nere the like.

Some haue a project now in hand,
(which is a tedious taske)
When the Sea turnes, to bring to Land
the ſame with empty caſk:
But how I cannot well conceiue,
To each mans iudgement that I leaue.
O rare
beyond compare,
in England nere the like.

The lower jaw-bone nam'd of late,
had teeth in't thirty foure,
Whereof ſome of them are in weight
two pounds, or rather more:
There were no teeth i'th vpper jaw,
But holes, which many people ſaw.
O rare
beyond compare,
in England nere the like.

The ſecond part, To the ſame tune.

His Pille is in length foure yards,
big as a man i'th waſt,
This monſter he who well regards,
from th'firſt vnto the laſt,
By euery part may motiues find,
To wonder at this wondrous kind.
O rare
beyond compare,
in England nere the like.

His Eyes are like two hogsheads great,
this ſeemeth paſt beleefe,
But men of credit can relate
what I deſcribe in briefe:
Then let's with charity confeſſe
Gods workes are more then man can
O rare,&c. (gueſſe.

The tongue on't is ſo mighty large,
I will it not expreſſe,
Leſt I your credit ouer-charge,
but you may eaſily gueſſe,
That fitly his ſhape ſo far excels,
The tongue doth anſwer all parts elſe.
O rare,&c.

A man on horſeback as tis try'd
may ſtand within his mouth,
Let none that hears it this deride,
for tis confirm'd for truth:
By thoſe who dare auouch the ſame,
Then let the Writer beare no blame.
O rare,&c.

His nerues or ſinewes like Walls pillles,
for riding rods ſome vſe:
Of Spermaceti there's ſome veſſels:
if this be the worſt newes,
That of this monſter we ſhall heare,
All will be well I doe not feare.
O rare,&c.

Already fifteene tuns of Oyle
is from this fiſh extracted,
And yet continually they boyle
no ſeaſon is protracted:
It cannot be imagin'd how much
'Twill yeild, the bulkneſſe on't is ſuch.
O rare,&c.

When he vpon the ſands was caſt
aliue, which was awhile:
He yell'd ſo loud, that many (aghaſt)
heard him aboue fiue mile:
'Tis ſaid the Female fiſh likewiſe
Was heard to mourne with horrid cryes:
O rare,&c.

The Mariners of Cheſter ſay
a Herring-hog tis nam'd:
What ere it be, for certaine they
that are for knowledge fam'd,
Affirme, the like in ages paſt
Vpon our Coaſt was neuer caſt.
O rare
beyond compare,
in England nere the like.

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